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NEUTRAL. *adj.* [*neutral*, French.]

1. Indifferent; not acting; not engaged on either side.
Who can be wife, amaz'd, temperate and furious,
Loyal and neutral, in a moment? No man. *Shakespeare.*
He no sooner heard that king Henry was settled by his
victory, but forthwith he sent ambassadors unto him, to pray
that he would stand neutral. *Bacon's Hen. VII.*
The allies may be supplied for money, from Denmark and
other neutral states. *Addison on the War.*

2. Indifferent; neither good nor bad.
Some things good, and some things ill do seem,
And neutral some, in her fantastic eye. *Davies.*
3. Neither acid nor alkaline.
Salts which are neither acid nor alkaline, are called neu-
tral. *Arbutnot.*

NEUTRAL. *n. f.* One who does not act nor engage on either side.

The treacherous who have misled others, and the neutrals
and the false-hearted friends and followers, who have started
aside like a broken bow, are to be noted. *Bacon.*

NEUTRALITY. *n. f.* [*neutralité*, French.]

1. A state of indifference; of neither friendship nor hostility.
Men who possess a state of neutrality in times of publick
danger, desert the common interest of their fellow-subjects.
Addison.

The king, late griefs revolving in his mind,
These reasons for neutrality assign'd. *Garth's Ovid.*
All pretences to neutrality are justly exploded, only in-
tending the safety and ease of a few individuals, while the
publick is embroiled. This was the opinion and practice of
the latter Cato. *Swift.*

2. A state between good and evil.

There is no health: physicians say, that we
At best enjoy but a neutrality. *Dennis.*
NEUTRALLY. *adv.* [*from neutral*.] Indifferently; on neither
part.

NEW. *adj.* [*newydd*, Welsh; *neop*, Saxon; *neuf*, Fr.]

1. Not old; fresh; lately produced, made or had; novel. It
is used of things: as, young of persons.
What's the newness' grief?
—That of an hour's age doth his the speaker;
Each minute teems a new one. *Shakespeare's Macbeth.*
Do not all men complain how little we know, and how
much is still unknown? And can we ever know more, un-
less something new be discovered? *Burnet.*

2. Modern; of the present time.

Whoever converses much among old books, will be some-
thing hard to please among new. *Temple's Miscellanies.*

3. Not antiquated; having the effect of novelty.
There names infer'd unnumber'd ages past,
From time's first birth, with time itself shall last;
These ever new, nor subject to decays,
Spread and grow brighter with the length of days. *Pope.*

4. Not habituated; not familiar.
Such assemblies, though had for religion's sake, may serve
the turn of heretics, and such as privily will infiltr their poi-
son into new minds. *Hooker, b. v.*

5. Renovated; repaired, so as to recover the first state.
Men after long emaciating diets, wax plump, fat, and almost
new. *Bacon's Natural History.*

6. Fresh after any thing.
Nor dare we trust so soft a messenger,
New from her sickness to that northern air. *Dryden.*

7. Not of ancient extraction.
A superior capacity for business, and a more extensive
knowledge, are steps by which a new man often mounts to
favour, and outshines the rest of his contemporaries. *Addison.*

NEW. *adv.* This is, I think, only used in composition for
newly, which the following examples may explain.

As soon as he had written them, a new swarm of thoughts
finging her mind, the was ready with her foot to give the
new-born letters both to death and burial. *Sidney, b. ii.*

God hath not then left this to chafe that, neither would
reject that to chafe this, were it not for some new-grown
occasion, making that which hath been better worse. *Hooker.*

So dreadfully he towards him did pass,
Forelifting up aloft his speckled breast,
And often bounding on the bruised grass,
As for great joyance of his new-come guest. *Fairy 2.*

Who are the violets now
That strow the green lap of the new-come spring. *Shakespeare.*

Your master's lines
Are full of new-found oaths; which he will break
As easily as I do tear this paper. *Shakespeare.*

Will you with those infirmities she owes,
Unfriended, new-adapted to our hate,
Dower'd with our curse, and stranger'd with our oath,

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Take her or leave her?

Left by a multitude *Shakespeare's King Lear.*
The new-heal'd wound of malice should break out. *Shakespeare.*
Bow, stubborn knees; and heart with strings of steel
Be soft as sinews of the new-born babe. *Shakespeare's Ham.*
And I a gasping, new-deliver'd mother,
Now hath my soul brought forth her prodigy,
Have woe to woe, sorrow to sorrow join'd. *Shakespeare, R. II.*

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ther the principles than the truth of the news-writer. *Addison.*
Advertise both in every news-paper; and let it not be
your fault or mine, if our country-men will not take warn-
ing. *Swift's Drapier's Letters.*

Wood is generally his own news-writer. I cannot but
observe from that paragraph, that this public enemy treats
this kingdom with contempt. *Swift's Drapier's Letters.*

Pamphlets and news-papers have been full of me. *Pope.*
NEWS-MONGER. *n. f.* [*news* and *monger*.] One that deals in
news; one whose employment it is to hear and to tell news.

Many tales devis'd,
Which oft the ear of greatness needs must hear, *Shakespeare.*
By smiling pick-thanks and base news-mongers.

This was come as a judgment upon him for laying aside
his father's will, and turning stock-jobber, news-monger, and
busy body, meddling with other peoples affairs. *Arbutnot.*

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to be contracted from *an new*.] Eff; small lizard: they are
supposed to be appropriated some to the land, and some to
the water.

Oh thou! whose self-same mettle,
Whereof thy proud child, arrogant man, is puffed,
Engenders the black toad, and adder blue,
The gilded newt, and eyeless venom'd worm. *Shakespeare.*

News and blind worms do no wrong;
Come not near our fairy queen. *Shakespeare, M. Night's Dream.*
Such humidity is observed in newts and water-lizards, espe-
cially if their skins be perforated or pricked. *Brown's F. Err.*

NEW-YEAR'S-GIFT. *n. f.* [*new*, year, and *gift*.] Present made
on the first day of the year.

If I be served such a trick, I'll have my brains taken out
and buttered, and give them to a dog for a new-year's-gift.

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When he sat on the throne distributing new-year's-gift,
he had his altar of incense by him, that before they received
gifts they might cast a little incense into the fire; which all
good christians refused to do. *Stillinger.*

NEXT. *adj.* [*next*, Saxon, by a colloquial change from
nept or nypt, the superlative of nep or ny; *nept*, scotthil.]

1. Nearest in place; immediately succeeding in order.
Want supplieth itself of what is next, and many times the
next way. *Bacon, Essay 14.*

The queen already fat
High on a golden bed; her princely guff
Was next her side, in order far the rest. *Dryden, Virg. Æn.*

The next in place and punishment were they,
Who prodigally throw their souls away. *Dryden, Æn. vi.*

2. Nearest in any gradation.
If the king himself had stayed at London, or, which had
been the next best, kept his court at York, and sent the
army on their proper errand, his enemies had been speedily
subdued. *Clarendon.*

O fortunate young man! at least your lays
Are next to his, and claim the second praise. *Dryden.*
Finite and infinite, being by the mind looked on as mo-
difications of expansion and duration, the next thing to be
considered, is, how the mind comes by them. *Locke.*

That's a difficulty next to impossible.
NEXT. *adv.* At the time or turn immediately succeeding.

Th' unwary nymph
Desir'd of Jove, when next he sought her bed,
To grant a certain gift. *Addison's Ovid Metam. b. iii.*

NIB. *n. f.* [*nib*, French.] Simple, silly, and foolish.
A nib hawk is one taken newly from the nest, and not
able to help itself; and hence nifty, a silly person. *Bailey.*

NIB. *n. f.* [*nib*, Saxon, the face; *nibbe*, Dutch, the bill.]

1. The bill or beak of a bird. See Nib.

2. The point of any thing, generally of a pen.
A tree called the bejeco, which twines about other trees,
with its end hanging downwards, travellers cut the nib off
it, and presently a spout of water runs out from it as clear
as crystal. *Dryden.*

NIBBLE. *adj.* [*from nib*.] Having a nib.

TO NIBBLE. *v. a.* [*from nib*, the beak or mouth.]

1. To bite by little at a time; to eat slowly.
Thy turf mountains, where live nibbling sheep,
And flat meads thatch'd with flower them to keep. *Shakespeare.*

It is the roe that bleeds, when he
Nibbles his nice phlebotomy. *Cleveland's Poems.*
Had not he better have born wats nibbling of his plants and
roots now, than the huntman's eating of him out of house
and home. *L'Estrange, Fable 387.*

Many there are who nibble without leave;
But none, who are not born to taste, survive. *Granville.*

2. To bite as a fish does the bait.
The roving trout
Greedy sucks in the twining bait,
And tugs and nibbles at the fallacious meat. *Gay.*

TO NIBBLE. *v. n.*

1. To bite at.
As pigeons bill, so wedlock would be nibbling. *Shakespeare.*

They